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EDITORIAL

Spring! At last lighter nights warmer weather and the chance to get out and about. We also have local elections and events that were postponed due to the pandemic to keep us busy.

So how to find out about all this activity? in your Meridian magazine- yes I know Facebook is used a lot but the magazine can be referred back to easily and save that scrolling through emails etc. to find what you want! Plus it does not suffer from lack of or weak signals something we have all experienced I am sure.

As Editor it is my responsibility to try to keep information as up to date as possible so PLEASE tell me if your contact details have changed, or there has been a change of personnel in clubs and societies Otherwise I send out reminders regarding deadlines etc that never arrive to the right person. Plus, please direct all enquiries to me with regards to space and inclusion in an issue, as Editor it is my task to ensure everything that can go in is used.

DEADLINES

There is an increasing tendency for items to be submitted either just on the deadline or just after!! This makes things difficult when we come to lay out the magazine and try to use the space wisely. A deadline is just that -although we try to accommodate everyone if your item is late it will not be used. The only exception is if you have contacted us in advance and asked for space to be kept free e.g Parish Council reports . The same applies if your item is over 500 words. Please make our lives a little easier and stick to the deadline! Thank you.

We are always happy to have volunteers to help with deliveries and administration so if you have some spare time let us know but it is a big commitment - I should know!!

Editor

Deadline for June/July issue **20th April**.

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Wed 30 & Thu 31 March	Swavesey Village Collage	Beauty & The Beast - 6pm at SVC - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
Friday 1 April	Swavesey Village Collage	Beauty & The Beast - 7pm at SVC - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
Saturday 2 April	Swavesey Village Collage	Beauty & The Beast - 2pm at SVC - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
Saturday 2 April	Camera Club	Photographic Exhibition - 10 til 4pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 13 April	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting
Sat 30 April & Sun 1 May	White Horse	May Fest
Saturday 7 May	1st Swavesey Scouts	Scavenger Hunt - 09:00 to 17:00 at the Scout hut SVC
Sunday 8 May	1st Swavesey Scouts	Scavenger Hunt - 09:00 to 17:00 at the Scout hut SVC
Thursday 19 May to 21 May	RADSOC	Agatha Crusty - Check on Swaveseyradsoc.org.uk for exact location and date or phone 07504 552870

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March		
Wednesday 30	SVC	Beauty & The Beast - 6pm at SVC - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
Thursday 31	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 31	SVC	Beauty & The Beast - 6pm at SVC - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
April		
Friday 1	SVC	Beauty & The Beast - 7pm at SVC - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
Saturday 2	Camera Club	Photographic Exhibition - 10 til 4pm in the Memorial Hall
Saturday 2	SVC	Beauty & The Beast - 2pm at SVC - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 13	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 14	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 14	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 23	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Saturday)
Monday 25	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 29	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
May		
Friday 6	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
Saturday 7	1st Swavesey Scouts	Scavenger Hunt - 09:00 to 17:00 at the Scout hut SVC
Sunday 8	1st Swavesey Scouts	Scavenger Hunt - 09:00 to 17:00 at the Scout hut SVC
Thursday 12	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 12	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 19	RADSOC	Agatha Crusty - Check on Swaveseyradsoc.org.uk for exact location and date or phone 07504 552870
Monday 23	Parish Council	Full Council and AGM

CLUB REPORTS

Jottings from Hale Road Allotments

As I write this on a cold and wet February afternoon, it's difficult to imagine our plots to be full of young plants. However, by the time this is being read, those of us with asparagus plants will be at a point of glut, and will be looking for new ways to enjoy it. Asparagus is one of those crops that require both patience, and self control! Young plants have to remain unharvested for the first three years of their life, until they become established. In the next year a few spears can be taken, but then the following year, there will be asparagus every day for the short six week season. At that point the self control has to return. To ensure a good crop the following year the plants have to be allowed to regenerate and however tasty a spear looks it has to be left to grow!

Early potatoes will be in and will be being earthed up regularly to protect the young shoots from frost. I think one of the most exciting tasks on the allotment is digging the first root of new potatoes. It is such a joy and they always taste amazing.

We will also be eagerly awaiting the strawberry season to begin. Strawberry beds will soon be covered to keep the blackbirds off the ripening fruit. Gooseberries will be showing on the plants, and we will be hoping to avoid late frosts, as they could destroy the tiny fruits.

Many of us at Hale Road will, by this point in the season, have windowsills full of small tender plants, and will be watching the weather forecast, deciding when it will be safe to plant them out. The danger of planting out too soon can be lovely plants totally destroyed over night.

So why do we do it, when there is always something ready to destroy or nibble our crop before we get at it? Sometimes I think we all wonder! However, the satisfaction that comes from growing fruit and vegetables that can be eaten at their best is wonderful. Along with that of course there is the exercise that we all get when digging and weeding etc!

If anyone would be interested in adding their name to our waiting list for a plot please do get in touch. My details are in the club section.

Happy digging!

Val (Allotment Committee Chair)

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Swavesey WI

Swavesey WI started off 2022 with a royal theme quiz to commemorate our Queen's Platinum Year. In February our member Anna Shasha gave us an excellent talk and presentation on her career as a midwife. This proved very informative and Anna shared many experiences and fond memories of her successful and rewarding career.

To celebrate International Womens Day on March 8th we plan to organise a walk for our members. We do have two established Walking Groups for members and any ladies who would like to join us. For further information about these please ring Clare Fox 202882.

Other groups we enjoy are an Eating Out Group and a Book Group. On the second Thursday of the month our WI serve coffee and homemade cakes at the Compass Cafe. This is always a good place to meet up with friends or make new ones!

Our monthly meetings are on the second Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

All women are very welcome. Our 2022 programme promises a good variety of speakers and activities. Joining WI is a great way to make new friends, especially if you are new to the village.

For information on anything we do, please contact:-
Margaret Guest 01954 202757 or Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897

Note for your Diary…….April 11th. Swavesey WI. AGM.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.

To be added to the waiting list to take part in this popular competition phone Gill Hurst on 01954 200470.

Latest winners are:-

	£	January	February
First prize	60	Vicki Bidwell	Fiona Leigh
Second prize	30	Richard Harrison	Sue Tait
Third prize	15	Adam Carter	Simon and Kath Shore

Swavesey & District History Society

January meeting. Over 30 members attended a fascinating talk on 'The House of Spies' given by Roger Leivers. Farm Hall, at 24 West Street in Godmanchester, is a large red brick 3-storey house built in 1746, with wide gardens and orchard sweeping down to the river. In 1942 it was requisitioned by the RAF as a training centre for secret agents to be sent into occupied Europe for Special Operations Executive. It was a very busy site with about fifty permanent staff, managed by Sqn Ldr. Cautley Nasmyth Shaw, known affectionately as "Pink Gin Percy" who had fought in a Guards Regiment in WWI and joined Station X at Bletchley Park at the start of WWII. The devoted, intrepid and immensely brave men and women who trained at Farm Hall were flown across The Channel to report on enemy positions and strength, set up drop zones, safe houses and escape routes and carry out sabotage. Whereas many safely got back to England, quite a few were arrested, interrogated, tortured and executed. Immediately after the war ten leading German nuclear physicists were interned and questioned there in secrecy.

On the edge of RAF Tempsford airfield, ten miles to the south, Gibraltar Farm was designed by SOE for agents to receive pre-flight training and their equipment and kits before infiltrating Nazi-occupied Europe. In March 1942 a new squadron, 138 (Special Duties) arrived. From Tempsford they flew regular nightly sorties over Western Europe, parachuting special agents, equipment, arms and ammunition to the waiting resistance groups below. In April they were joined by 161 (Special Duties) Squadron which was tasked with covert landing and pick up operations: they landed their planes, usually Lysanders, on enemy territory to drop off agents and collect passengers, mainly downed airmen or returning agents. In total, 995 agents were parachuted into the occupied territories by the Tempsford squadrons and a further 485 landed by plane

Gibraltar Fam barn houses an exhibition about the secret activity and is open today for visitors. A memorial plaque inside nearby St Peter's church records "In thanksgiving for all who operated from RAF Tempsford airfield, 1941-1945. For the resistance workers who were flown to enemy-occupied Europe and in remembrance of those who gave their lives for freedom".

February meeting. On a cold, blustery night 32 members heard Dick Paden of Balsham talk about the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company where he worked after leaving Trinity College with a PhD. The company was set up to service instruments for the Cambridge physiology department in the late 1870s by Robert Fulcher, Horace Darwin (son of Charles Darwin) and his Trinity College friend, Albert Dew-Smith who provided most of the finance. The small company moved to premises in Panton Street in 1881 when Fulcher left then to St Tibbs Row in 1891 when Horace Darwin became the sole owner. The rocking microtome, otherwise known as the "Darwin Rocker", which cut thin slices of materials for study by light microscopes, was one of Darwin's most successful designs of 1883/4 and it continued to be manufactured until the 1970s.

In 1895 CSI became a Limited Liability Company and moved to much larger premises in Carlyle Rd, Chesterton and William Pye, who had joined as foreman in 1880 became the Company Secretary. Pye, left in 1898 to form the W.G. Pye Instrument Company with his son, which ultimately become the Pye group of companies. In 1920 CSI took over the R.W. Paul Instrument Company of London, and became The Cambridge and Paul Instrument Company Ltd. The name was shortened to the Cambridge Instrument Company Ltd. in 1924 when it was converted to a Public limited company.

Horace died in 1928 but the company continued to progress rapidly. His nephew, Charles G. Darwin took over as chairman of the board then later became head of the National Physical Laboratory. Robert Whipple who was appointed personal assistant to Horace in 1898 eventually became Joint Managing Director then Chairman when Charles moved. Whipple's collection of scientific instruments later formed the basis of the Whipple Museum of the History of Science in 1944. When our speaker was with CSI in the 1970s the scanning electron microscope, which had been launched in Cambridge in 1965, was an important scientific instrument used worldwide.

Next meetings-

26 April. The Inns and Outs of Pub Names. Mark Pardoe

17 May. A Fenland History Saver Shares All. Mike Petty.

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giving nature a home

An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

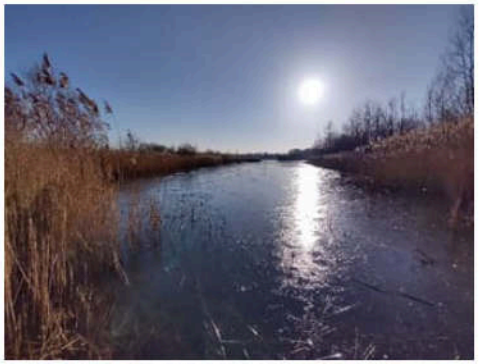
Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we wholeheartedly believe that one of life's simple pleasures is to go for a walk in the countryside. Nothing else can quite beat the experience of being surrounded by tranquil scenes of water, trees, and fields taking in the sights and sounds around you. With the arrival of spring, birds are singing all around, ducks and other waterbirds are out on the lakes and migrant species are arriving back from their wintering grounds to set up a territory and, hopefully, breed.

With footpaths looping around the majority of our eleven lakes, there is always something to look at. However, we are aware that it can sometimes be difficult to get good views of some of these water bodies. As a nature reserve, our primary purpose is to provide spaces for wildlife which means that many areas are left to develop and provide nesting habitat, shelter, and protection to the inhabitants.

During the spring and summer nesting season, we minimise time spent off-track and don't go into or near the habitats unless we really need to. Birds and other wildlife are easily disturbed and can be put off from using areas where people regularly go, even to the extent of abandoning nests and eggs. This means that viewpoints in the reed or hedgerows can re-grow throughout the season, closing the views.

During the autumn and winter months we work our way around the reserve, re-cutting viewpoints through to each lake. In some areas this serves a dual purpose of not only opening views for visitors, but also improving the habitat for wildlife.

The hedgerows around our entry road, various trails and on field boundaries are some of the best habitats on site for a whole variety of breeding bird species. The bulk of the hedges are hawthorn, and they tend to be of a uniform age and size. Whilst making a good hedge, this uniformity can lead to it becoming tall and 'leggy' with lots of dense



View out to Elney Lake – Henry Cook

vegetation up high, but little lower down. This isn't ideal for either the health of the hedge or the nesting birds that use it. We therefore implement a regime of rotational viewpoint cutting whereby different areas of certain hedges are coppiced each year to encourage denser regrowth at a lower level. As a result of this, the hedgerows contain a patchwork of heights, densities, and growth stages to the benefit of all.

As you walk around the lakes on your next visit, keep a look out in the hedgerows for thrushes, robins, blue tits, bullfinches, blackcaps, and many other species.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of the month.

To see details and book, please visit:
events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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COMING AND GOING

What a strange time this has been.

Do we meet in the college?

Are we on Zoom again ?

Or maybe we are on both?

What is planned for tonight?

It is to be hoped that you have been keeping in touch with us by checking our website, otherwise things would have been rather confusing.

Having decided we could go back to the College we found this was not possible, so went back onto Zoom again. This meant that several of our planned events could not be held in that way so poor Simon had to rejig the programme again, which he managed to do with some very surprising changes. One was when Naomi Saul took us to the backwoods of USA instead of on African safari. This is not to say we don't enjoy wildlife, but this was new to us all, old mining towns, abandoned vintage cars and beautiful snow peaks. Simon stepped up himself and gave us a most helpful (and quite beautiful) talk on Flash photography, everything from flowers and insects to water droplets, stunning.

By now we are nearing the end of our year's programme, most of which will be taken up with our internal competitions, all listed on our website, of interest to members only of course. If you want to join in sometime there is only one talk left. This will be 'Street Photography', from Brian Lloyd Duckett, founder of the academy, Street Snappers, which concentrates on London, but would be equally helpful for the streets of Cambridge. This is on April 7th.

Last year we had to have a virtual Annual Exhibition due to the health restrictions, but this year it will be back in real time and space in Swavesey Memorial Hall, on 2nd April. We look forward to seeing all our friends again, but for those who are still shielding it will be on line too. Last year's virtual exhibition proved very popular, so don't miss the opportunity to meet the authors, and do look out for our Open Competition with its various classes. We really enjoy all your entries and this is your own chance to shine.

As before, things still change daily, so do keep your eye on our website which is updated regularly. Hope to see you all on April 2nd.

Mo Hadfield

Swavesey Camera Club

www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Swavesey Spartans FC

As you read this, our 2021/22 season will be coming to a close and despite the dreaded Covid still being prominent, we have managed to get through the season and play all games. Having not had Spartans day the past two years we are looking forward to hosting it this year on Father's day as usual.

Having 16 teams and over 350 children playing football, it has been a huge challenge to not only do our usual tasks of getting children training and playing games but to do this safely and prevent spreading the Virus further. I am very proud of all Spartans volunteers; the club is very lucky to have such a dedicated Committee and coaches who volunteer a lot of time to keep children playing football.

Special thanks to Katherine Collier who has worked so hard to design our new kits, logo and help get some much-needed funds into the club by organising a Christmas Raffle as well as designing hats and scarves to sell to our players and supporters. Katherine worked hard with some amazing local business to organise a raffle with some generously donated prizes, we managed to raise an amazing £1000 for the club

Despite Covid disrupting the last 3 seasons but we have been busy working on a few projects, making use of our covid induced downtime from playing football

New 3G pitch

Swavesey Spartans, Swavesey Village College and Swavesey Parish Council are pleased to announce that after many years of discussion and hard work, we are pleased to announce the new Full Size 3G football pitch will be ready for use by September 2022.

The new facility will bring much needed training and match day capability for our ever increasing mini-league, colts, girls and adults teams in the village.I would like to take this opportunity to thank Swavesey Village College, Swavesey Parish Council, Cambs FA and The Football Foundation for making this happen.

Not only will our club benefit but the local community as a whole.

New logo

After over 30 years Swavesey Spartans, have a new logo. We had various designs and the coaches and committee voted for this logo which can be seen on the new kit, hats, scarves and training gear.

New Kit design

Traditionally Spartan coaches have purchased a kit for their team using sponsorship money from generous local businesses. This led to the club having various football kit manufacturers and styles. This season we have a new, unique to Spartans kit design, which was voted for by our coaches. This means we finally have one kit for all teams so within the next season or two all +16 teams will be playing in the same style kit.

Spartans day

This year, Spartans Day will be held on Sunday, 19 June 2022 at the Swavesey Recreation Green

2022/23 Season

As we look to the new season and new facilities with the 3G pitch, we need more help. If you have children wanting to play then please get in touch. If you would like to help with the running of the club and/or taking up a coaching role then please come forward as more teams requires more coaches.

Thank you to all the parents and players for an amazing 2021/22 season

Swavesey Spartans 💙⚽👍

A diabolical puzzle on book titles. Part 1.

Each clue leads to the title of a well-known book. All the books come under the category of fiction, so do not look for Roget's Thesaurus or A Brief History of Time etc. General knowledge, a mildly cryptic approach and Google™ should provide most of the answers.

Fooling about, we then hit windowsill (3,4,2,3,7)

What Donne would never send to know? (3,4,3,4,5)

Freshen up that saggy beret (3,5,6)

There are apples, blueberries, cherries ... (7,3,3,3,4,5)

... but I have no bananas (7)

Assume estimate is about 9 (3,7)

Fashion a "Candle in Wind" role for curious girl (5,2,10)

Central Command (11)

Cullinan II, for instance? (3,5,2,3,5)

Confound it! A bird enjoys dregs (7,6,5)

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page **43**.

MISCELLANY

Swavesey Community Orchard

Hopefully by the time you read this article we shall have enjoyed early spring flowering bulbs and blossom on the stone fruit with some of the apples and pears still in flower?

Thanks to a grant from Natural Cambridgeshire and sponsorship from village residents we were able to replace four of the original apples and pears which had succumbed to a combination of flooding and drought. The same grant financed a new batch of daffodil bulbs plus snowdrops and fritillaria. Many thanks to those who came out to help plant the bulbs. We have also extended the apple and pear cordon to include an espalier with one pear and one apple which will be trained over the next few years.

Thanks to a very generous donation from Mo Hadfield, we have installed a picnic table in the Community area. Mo's husband Bill, who passed away in 2001, was passionate about trees and tree planting which he did on a big scale in different parts of the world. Mo thought it would be very appropriate if Bill's memory could be commemorated in Swavesey's Community Orchard.

You can read a little more about Bill in Mo's article.

BILL HADFIELD Tropical Botanist
Lived in Swavesey 1971 to 2001
Responsible for the replanting
of a million trees in N.E. India

Another exciting announcement concerning our plans to develop the pond and wetland area and to create a new safer access to the orchard! Swavesey Community Orchard has been given a significant donation by ENVEA UK Ltd based in Rose and Crown Road in Swavesey. ENVEA is a leading specialist in the development, manufacture and supply of air quality particulate, industrial emissions, and velocity monitors. The opportunity to participate in a local project with a strong environmental biodiversity objective connects very well with the ENVEA philosophy and vision and they are excited to be supporting it.

Tree pruning course on apples and pears held in February

The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) is also making a significant contribution, both financial and advisory, to the development of the pond as part of their Great Crested Newt Scheme.

Those of you who walk through the orchard will have noticed we now have a notice board in place generously sponsored by the Nook Coffee shop Market Street.

We hope the orchard can play a part in the weekend of activities being organised by Swavesey's Sustainability Hub on 25-26 June.

Short term notices for jobs to be done and help needed will be placed on the SCO Facebook page, on Swavesey Life and the orchard page on the village parish council website. Glyn Jones: 07977 907622: swavco.chairman@gmail.com

SWAVESEY'S PLACE IN THE WORLD OF TEA

This old photo was taken in the mid '60s, on our way home on leave from India, on Lloyd Triestino, when Bill was working for the Indian Tea Association in Assam. He would have been about 32 at the time. That is when he did his fundamental research relating to shade, nutrients and rainfall on tea, so increasing the crop. Some of the lab work was done in Cambridge Botanic Gardens which is why we came to Swavesey.

However it turned out that in other parts of the world where climatic conditions were favourable his advice worked even more dramatically, and resulted in African plantations quadrupling their crop. That made their teas much cheaper than those produced in India and Ceylon, which is why everyone drinks African tea nowadays

Who knew Swavesey had a connection to that enormous change in world production of a major commodity ? Mind you, the harder tea struggles to grow the finer the quality. That is why Assam tea is still a premium product, Darjeeling produces the 'Champagne of teas', bought mostly by the Russians for ridiculous prices, and why we all now drink cheaply manufactured tea in bags rather than the more classy leaf tea with the obligatory strainer.

Mo Hadfield.

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St Andrew's Church, Swavesey Festival and
Girlguiding Units in Swavesey.

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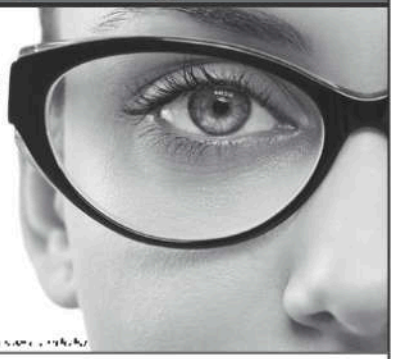

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Swavesey 100 years ago (April & May 1922) From the Cambridge Chronicle

LARGE EGG. 7th April 1922
A white leghorn pullet belonging to Mr. George Clarke laid an egg last week which weighed ¼lb., and measured 6¾ inches in circumference.

REPRIEVED. 7th April 1922
It was announced last week that owing to shortness of funds, the services of four men who had been employed by the Rural District Council for a considerable time in cleaning out the large drains of the district would not be required after Friday. On that afternoon one of the men was informed that he could continue at work in consideration of the fact that he had a wife and seven small children dependent on him.

CHURCH WINDOW BROKEN. 21st April 1922
While attending to family graves in the south side of the churchyard on Saturday, Mr. Walter Thorp was startled by the loud report of a gun, and later, having occasion to go to the north side of the church, he found a crow that had been shot. He failed to notice whether any damage had been done and took the bird home. On Sunday it was discovered that five small panes of glass in a large four-light window at the back of the organ in the north aisle had been smashed, and the lead work bulged inwards. A few bird's feathers were found, and also traces of blood, but no bird, and for a time the breakage was a somewhat disturbing mystery. On Tuesday, however, Mr. Thorp's discovery became known, and it was then clear that the damage had been caused by the jackdaw striking the window. But who fired the shot that drove the bird into the window?

FOOTBALL CUP. 5th May 1922
Ten passengers were booked from Swavesey station to London last Saturday by the special train run in connection with the English Football Cup Final. The train left Swavesey shortly before 5 a.m.

THE WEEK'S THUNDERSTORMS. 26th May 1922
After a day of oppressive heat, a severe thunderstorm visited Swavesey on Monday afternoon, accompanied by hail of exceptionally large size. About 4 p.m. there was a very vivid flash of lightning, followed immediately by a terrific thunderclap. The Post Office in High-street and another house about 100 yards distant, over which telephone wires pass, were struck, apparently simultaneously. The noise inside the Post Office is described by the sub-postmaster as having resembled the explosion of a large gun, and both he and an old lady transacting business were much alarmed. The casing of a new lightning conductor inside the office, which was only installed last week, was forced from its fastening, and all the telephone instruments were thrown out of action, and the village was cut off telephonically and by telegraph from the outside world. A chimney at the other house, owned by Mr. W. J. Hepher, and occupied by Mr. Robert Hepher, was partly demolished, but beyond brick rubbish, soot, etc., falling down the chimney, no damage appears to have been done inside the house, though the occupants, who were at tea, were much alarmed. Some tiles on the roof were smashed. In a stable in the White Horse Inn yard on the opposite side of the street, Mr. Charles Savage and a horse were knocked down but neither man nor horse was injured. The storm was over the neighbouring village of Over about 4.39 p.m., and the hail stones are reported as having been "something very extraordinary, such as had not before been seen by the oldest inhabitants," being lumps of ice of various shapes and sizes, some measuring 2½ inches in circumference. Some damage was done to windows and glass frames.

Chris Richardson

Surrounded by Water – Almost
Part 9. More water coming to Swavesey, but don't drink it.

On 28 January 2022 SCDC Planning Committee approved plans to build a further 4,000 houses, along with associated infrastructure, just north of Oakington as part of the Northstowe Phase 3a development programme. Clearly there is a strong economic need for these houses in the Cambridge and South Cambs areas but unfortunately this benefit to Northstowe comes with increased flood risk to Swavesey residents, their property and land.

Swavesey's lowlands, Middle Fen, Mow Fen, Mare Fen and Cow Fen, cover a large area of land to the north and east of the village and they are important local environmental and agricultural assets. Starting from the north near Webb's Hole Sluice on the river Great Ouse they progressively flood in winter to an extent which is dependent on local rainfall. At the beginning of 2021 the flood water came very close to houses in Taylor's Lane, Station Road and Over Road when December and January rainfall was 114mm and 97mm respectively, far exceeding the average monthly rainfall of 46mm.

The Great Ouse, flowing from west to east, brings a large volume of water towards Swavesey and due to the enormous size of its catchment, water levels can rise and fall slowly. At an upper threshold water depth level, the doors at Webb's Hole sluice close to prevent river water flowing back inland along Swavesey Drain and flooding the village. However, with no outlet, the water coming down Swavesey Drain towards the river overtops adjacent to the sluice and floods into Middle Fen. While the doors remain closed the flooding sequentially inundates Middle, Mow then Mare Fen and finally flows across Over Road and falls into the lower land level in Cow Fen. If Cow Fen floods seriously, a large area of housing in the village is at risk.

The Utton's Drove treatment works, adjacent to the A14, already takes sewage from around 4,000 houses at Cambourne and nearly 9,000 houses

at Northstowe Phases 1 and 2. Much more sewage will be sent there from Cambourne West and Bourn Airfield (total 5,900 houses) within the next few years, with the threat of potentially far more to come later. The treated water outflow is then sent into the open drainage system across Swavesey's Fens, traveling down Utton's Drove Drain, across Cow Fen then joining Swavesey Drain and on to Webb's Hole sluice. In about 2008 Anglian Water investigated pumping the treated effluent through a pipeline from Utton's Drove direct to the river which would have removed the problem Swavesey now faces, but the additional £11 million cost ruled that out.

Swavesey's Internal Drainage Board had long been campaigning against the intention to send sewage from these further 4,000 houses to Utton's Drove works for treatment and Keith Wilderspin, Chairman of the IDB argued long and hard at the 28 January meeting. The Environment Agency claimed that if Utton's Drove works reaches full treatment capacity, which Swavesey IDB calculates could happen by 2027, the excess sewage could be sent elsewhere although the infrastructure to do that does not currently exist and would take 8 to 10 years to build. After extensive debate, lasting nearly seven hours, the committee finally came to the vote, with the majority of councillors voting in favour of the plans. Thus, the very experienced local knowledge of IDB members and other informed commentators in Swavesey was completely ignored once again and the flood risk to our village is further increased.

It gets even worse because on 28 February SCDC approved plans to build a further 1,000 houses as part of the Northstowe Phase 3b development programme. Again, the sewage will be sent to Utton's Drove works for treatment. The threat to Swavesey's Fens is even greater from this site which will be built on a block of land on the left just beyond the roundabout at the far end of Ramper Road. Swavesey Drain travels closely along the boundary of this Phase 3b site and the land slopes gently down towards it. So, both the surface water from this development and the treated sewage water will travel across Swavesey's Fens, further putting our village at risk.

The writer is aware that Swavesey Parish Council is absolutely furious about this flood risk issue, particularly from other people's sewage, which has been going on for years. On 24 February members of the PC, including Keith Wilderspin, and our District Councillor met Mr Anthony Browne MP to discuss these concerns in earnest.

Somehow there seems to be a major injustice in all this. As Will Wright, Chairman of Swavesey Parish Council, said at the end of his report in The Meridian, April/May 2021 on p 37, "Good luck Swavesey – time to build the ark"

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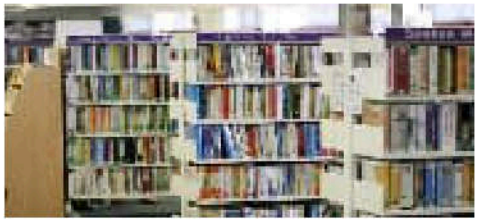

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"Plant a tree for the Jubilee"

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Will Wright Memories

We never had a car in the family whilst I was growing up in Boxworth End, so it was either using the bike for local travel or alternatively the bus and obviously the train for real journeys. I was with my Mum & Dad when we were making a journey into Cambridge one Saturday by the bus - guess it was going to be a bit of a shopping expedition, and we were waiting at the stop out-side the strict & particular chapel in Middle Watch. My Dad noticed a load of black smoke coming from the general direction of our house at the Ramper road junction and we hurried back immediately only to see Bob Cherry's house, the old Green Man Inn next door to ours, seriously on fire with the flames occasionally licking the wall of ours, as there was very little space between the 2 buildings, thank goodness we had a tiled roof & not thatched as the old Inn was.

I can remember the fire brigade arriving and managing to extinguish the fire after a couple of hours, during which time gallons of water were splayed on our walls & roof and more importantly, as luck would have it, Dad's wooden built "kitchen" extension also survived. I don't think Mr. Cherry's house was ever fully repaired & renovated after this though he did continue to live there for a while, as I gather that several years later it had become known as the "haunted house" to future young generations in the village. No surprise that we never actually made it to Cambridge that day!

I also remember going to St. Ives by the bus, which in those days went down the Low road in Fenstanton and into St Ives town via the river bridge, as it was years before the by-pass was built. There was a windmill in the field to the left of the road just before what is now the entrance to the marina and apparently I was prone to "going into one" when I saw it, as dear old Mum used to say. The reason being that as often as not it would have meant I was on the way to the dentist, OUCH, not exactly my favourite destination in those days, though I have to say was preferable to being treated in the white mobile dentist bus that turned up in the Primary school playground every year,

Thank goodness Swavesey had a train station which in those days linked us into the National network & effectively opened up the rest of the country to us villagers, the major reason it being here was that it enabled all the local grown fruit, floral & agricultural produce to get to to nationwide markets & distribution centres. Now we have a mis-guided bus - thank you Dr. Beeching.

One of Dad's brothers had a Welsh wife and a daughter, Linda, who was about my age and the six of us went on a summer holiday together in North Wales, a seaside holiday no less in the early '50's. We went to Llandudno and Colwyn Bay, which has a fantastic beach as I remember it, and even got the chance to have a bit of a look round Conway castle, and also went up the Great Orme and no we didn't climb to the top, as it actually had a small narrow gauge railway to the top or thereabouts, so we managed to hitch a lift on the train!. Needless to say we travelled by the railway to Wales and caught the train at our local Swavesey station and only changed ONCE, at Rugby I believe and that was it, Swavesey to Llandudno with just one change of train! A lot to be said for the national rail system we used to have despite almost all being steam powered back in the day.

It Will Probably Be Cloudy…

A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during April and May.

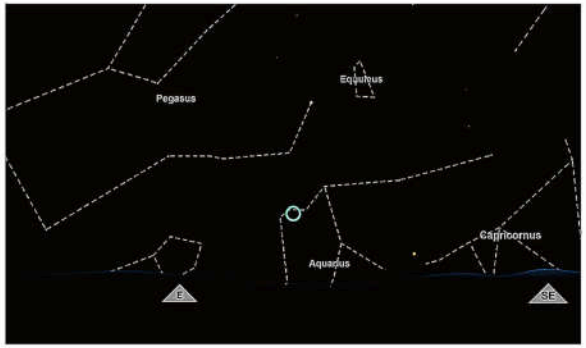
After a quiet period astronomically in February and March, the Spring Equinox on March 20th means the nights are getting shorter. April and May do provide some activity including a couple of meteor showers and a lunar eclipse.

Mercury is the closest planet to orbit the Sun, which means it is quite an elusive target to spot. We only really see it when it appears at its furthest point, either east or west of the Sun.

The Solar System's smallest planet puts on its best show of the year appearing above the western horizon not long after sunset on 10 April and it will be visible until the end of the month. You will have to be quick, though, as it doesn't hang around for long.

The Lyrid meteor shower will be visible from 16-25 April, peaking on the 22nd at 8pm BST and expected to produce about 17 meteors per hour. It's named after its radiant (the constellation it seems to originate from), Lyra the Harp, which will be low in the north-eastern sky around peak time. However, meteors will be visible in every direction, so pick a location with an unobstructed view of the sky to improve your chances. The source of the Lyrid meteor shower is the Comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher, which orbits the Sun once every 415 years.

The Eta Aquariid meteor shower is active from 9 April-28 May, peaking around the 6 May and expecting to produce up to 40 meteors per hour. The pre-drawn sky offers the best chance to view lots of meteors, so look towards the East to spot the star Eta Aquariid in the constellation of Aquarius, after which the meteor shower is named. The source of the meteor shower is the famous Comet Halley, which is visible from the Earth every 75-76 years.



On 16 May 2022 a total lunar eclipse will be visible from South America, most of North America and parts of Europe and Africa. Although the whole eclipse will not be visible from the UK, we'll still be able to see the Moon at totality for a brief

period before it sets. The eclipse stars at 2.32am BST when the Moon enters the Earth's shadow (the penumbra) and totality starts at 4.29am BST when the Moon crosses into the Earth's umbra, turning it red. The Moon will set shortly after that, at 5.10am BST. To view the eclipse, find a location with an unobstructed view of the sky and look towards the Southwestern direction.

The Waxing and Waning Crescent Moon phases in April and May are the best time to see earthshine, where the unlit part of the Moon becomes visible. It is also known as Da Vinci glow after Leonardo da Vinci, who explained the phenomenon for the first time in recorded history. The 26th and 27th April then the 3rd and 4th May are the best times to see earthshine.

The full moon on 16th April was known by early Native American tribes as the Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. This moon has also been known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon, and the Egg Moon. Many coastal tribes called it the Fish Moon because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn. This moon is also known as the Paschal Moon, which is the first Full Moon on or after March 21 and is used to determine the date of Easter.

The May full moon, coinciding with the lunar eclipse on 16th May, was known by early Native American tribes as the Flower Moon because this was the time of year when spring flowers appeared in abundance. This moon has also been known as the Hare Moon, the Corn Planting Moon and the Milk Moon.

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BARWELLS

Barwells was located in Swavesey on part of the Cherry Trees Estate (Moat Way/Whitegate Close area). It had two main gates, one at the bottom of Black Horse Lane and the other where Turnbridge Court is today.

It consisted of three main departments, Engineers, Rubber Products and the Tyre Remoulders. About half the estate was a large field at the back of the site. There was a football field there and it was also used as a scrap tyre dump. It was estimated there was around a million scrap tyres there. Because of the fire risk there were fire breaks between the piles of tyres.

We also had our own fire crew led by Eddy Payne. We had two pumps and two large water tanks located at the rear of Rose Cottage in Black Horse Lane. During the summer months we would have a practice once a month. The crew was made up of local men. Luckily, we were never called up for a real fire, but in 1977 there was a fireman's strike and so we acted as back up for Swavesey. We were called out twice. The first time was a chimney fire in Middle Watch. By the time we got there someone had put it out using a wet sack. There was an air raid siren on the site and when it went off it signalled there was a fire in the village. One Sunday afternoon off it went. There was a fire in the Manor outbuildings. Unfortunately, I was down the bottom of the fen taking my dog for a walk and by the time I arrived a Green Goddess (Army fire engine) had put the fire out.

Reginald Barwell started making remould tyres in 1927 after his poultry farm was wiped out by Fowl Pest. Being a keen motorist, he looked for another venture. He bought moulding equipment from France and went on a one-week course on remoulding in London. Later his sons Eric and John joined the company. At first, he had trouble selling his tyres and opened a shop in Regent Street Cambridge. In 1931 he moved to larger premises.

At the start of WW2 rubber became scarce and remould tyres became more popular. After the war he continued to make progress. At that time Barwells were buying in preformed blanks of uncured rubber called camelbacks from Avon and Dunlop. Before rubber is cured under intense heat and pressure it is pliable and soft. Camelback is so called because the centre of it is thicker than the edges.

Barwell decided to save money by developing their own extruding machine. At first the hydraulic extruder could only go forward and had to be retracted with manual means using ropes, pulleys and sandbags. One report said the barrel they used was an ex-naval gun. Over the years they developed, then introduced a rotating blade which could be set at different speeds so other components could be made.

I joined the company in 1973, first of all working in the rubber products as a moulder. We made many different components: flails for agriculture machines; tyres for lawnmowers; rubber discs for conveyor belts – to mention a few. There was also a department rubberising rollers. Some of the metal rollers could weigh up to five tons.

When I joined Barwells it had over 300 employees and was exporting its preformer machine worldwide. Coaches brought workers in from Cambridge and Huntingdon. Later I was transferred to the preform section making blanks for moulding. Then I had the opportunity to work in the tyre remould section.

I loved working there. The atmosphere there was fantastic. There was a real feeling of camaraderie. There was banter and jokes on each other nearly every day. Nobody got upset. It was just good fun.

I drove a tractor and trailer taking the scrap tyres down the field, also taking the new tyres to the warehouse in Taylors Lane. There was also another warehouse in Kings Lynn. In the late seventies the remould section closed and I went back to the rubber products. I took redundancy in 1980 but returned in 1986 on the preform section. One of the jobs then was supermarket trolley tyres. We had orders for 500,000 at a time.

In 1990 the rubber section was sold to Clifton Rubber in St. Ives. The moulding section moved to St Ives but the roller covering section stayed at Swavesey until 1998. In 1998 the engineering section moved to the Buckingway estate near the A14 and the Swavesey factory was demolished to make way for the Cherry Trees estate.

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Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

Spring Term

Rainbows: We had a mix of two fun challenge badges and two skills builder badges. Developing our influence skills, we found the difference between fact and opinions, shared our opinions and decorated wrist bands to show others what we care about. After half term we practised some camp skills, thinking about how to care for nature, made some dens, and thought about what we needed to pack. The fun badges were dinosaur and underground themed, the girls became palaeontologists and dug for their pasta fossils, they found about animals that live underground, as well as other things under the ground and finished with a Womble themed session for the section on literary characters who live underground.

Brownies: We practised our innovation skills and looked at how we could use everyday objects as props to communicate with one another, and how we could make our everyday lives easier by inventing a new object. We also wrote precise instructions for a dance so that everyone could learn the actions from the set of instructions. Unit meeting activities included solving a 'crime' by sorting through the clues of fact, opinion and supposition, and investigating chemical reactions through 'magical' potions. We also did a non-programme badge called Tiger, Tiger, and made up a dance to Roar by Katy Perry, decorated cupcakes with tiger faces, made origami tiger bookmarks and a lantern. We marked Shrove Tuesday with pancake tasting.

Guides: We continued with our 'Money and a message' fundraising plans. The guides learned about different ways of voting (secret ballot being the most popular) and voted to run a second hand book stall and bake sale to fundraise for their chosen charity. We also started building some leadership skills as well as taking instructions from others while doing a selection of tasks and activities. We did some unit meeting activities devised by the Royal Society of Chemistry for Girlguiding and also looked at friendship issues. Our non-programme activities included origami, cake decorating and candle making.

Rangers: This small group chose to focus on skills for their future. They looked at the risks of borrowing and using credit, how to create a meal without a cooker or hob, used their imagination and practical skills to repair and repurpose broken household items and they looked at unusual jobs and the skills needed to perform them. Their non-programme badge was 'In the dark', using all their senses to understand how nocturnal animals can live in the dark. Braille, Morse code, glow in the dark wool craft, shadow puppets and an evening walk around the village were all part of this badge

Rainbows and Brownies are full with waiting lists, sign your daughters up early for Rainbows, don't wait until she is 5 and her friends have started!
www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Adult helpers are needed, please get in touch if you think you can help or would like to know more. Another Brownie Unit is needed, and it is possible it could be run alongside the existing one with both doing the same activities and leaders joining together for planning.
There would be help and support for anyone wanting to get involved.
www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/ways-of-volunteering/

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Looking to try something new? Meet new people?

Swavesey Village College, Adult Education have a new Nordic Walking Course

Tuesdays, 26th April – 17th May 2022, 09.30-10.30am
4 weeks : £32 with Instructor Claire Beeton

This course is suitable for complete beginners, no previous Nordic Walking experience is necessary. The aim of the course is to teach the technique required for successful Nordic Walking to a level allowing you to continue on to the Improvers course should you wish.

This course will be run over four one hour sessions. We will be meeting for the first session at:-
The Green, SWAVESEY, CB24 4RF.

For the final three sessions, we will be walking from different locations around the Swavesey area. Once we have an idea of numbers and where everyone is travelling from we will make a decision as to where you all might like to walk.

For more information go to swaveseyvc.co.uk or email community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

1st Swavesey Scout Group are holding a scavenger hunt over the weekend of 7th & 8th May 2022, there will be a list of over 250 items to find, each worth their own number of points. There will be prizes for the teams with the most points at the end of the weekend.

We are trying to raise some money for the Swavesey School PTA and the community area of Thistle Green so please do come and join us for a fun packed weekend.

The entrance fee per family/team of up to 5 people is £10.00 before 1st May, then £12.50 after then. We are hoping to be selling refreshments at the hut over the weekend too.

For more details, please get in touch with us at:-
events@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

Beavers:
We are hoping that Beavers will be opening after the Easter holidays and that we will once again have all three sections running at the Scout Group.

Cubs & Scouts:
Both the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop are both running well and have good numbers. Some of the Scouts have recently taken part in their expedition badge which was a lot of fun and we managed to camp out for the night in St. Ives.

Volunteers:
We are always after extra help and support, if you would like to help but are unsure how, please do get in touch. Not only will you be able to give the young people of the village and surrounding areas new experiences and memories, but you will also get to do new and exciting things that you may not normally get the chance to do.

If you have any questions regarding joining as a Beaver, Cub, Scout or as an adult volunteering or anything else relating to the Scout Group, please do get in touch with us by emailing us at info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk and we will happily get back to you as soon as possible.

SCAVENGER HUNT
1st SWAVESEY SCOUT GROUP
PRIZES TO BE WON
1st Swavesey Scout Hut
SVC, Gibralter Lane, Swavesey
09:00-17:00
7th & 8th May 2022
We have over 250 items on the list and it is still growing, how many of them do you think you can find
All money raised is going towards good causes within Swavesey
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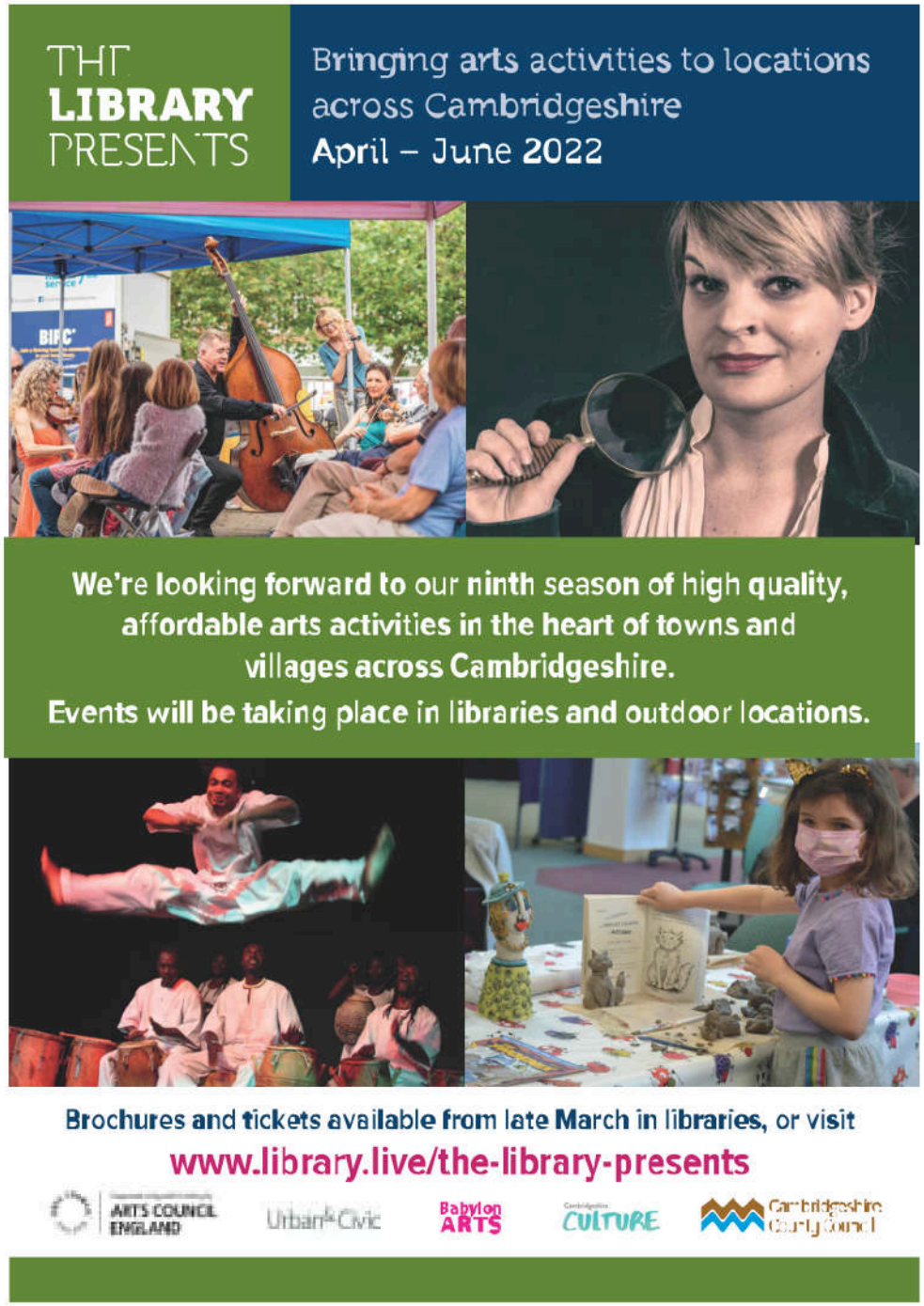
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SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News January-February 2022

BLOOR HOMES, FEN DRAYTON ROAD

Mr Alex Clark, the Design and Technical Director, attended the February meeting to share the issues affecting the site following its completion:

The telemetry system controlling the flow of surface water from the site to the river is now to be installed after many delays.

He reported that Bloor were to improve drainage to the green open space and play area which will remain part of the management arrangements set up to manage public spaces. Councillors stressed that residents were concerned and that fully usable open space in all weathers was essential.

Councillors noted that improved public footpaths to the RSPB reserve and adjacent to the site should be investigated.

The access to the farmland alongside the housing site, from Fen Drayton Road is to be the subject of a planning application. The PC requested that the access be gate and fenced from the play area and road.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The PC continues to follow up issues affecting road repairs throughout the village and in particular repairs to Gibraltar Lane, Fen Drayton Road and Over Road.

The PC is investigating the responsibility for the maintenance of the trees etc. and the verge in Gibraltar Lane. It is apparent that this land was retained by the developers of the Carters Way/ Priory Avenue area who now no longer exist. The PC will confirm this situation with Land Registry and hope to carry out a one off clear-up before including it in our regular grounds maintenance contract.

The PC re-considered an application for a disabled persons parking bay in Thistle Green and having taken into account both the applicant's and adjoining residents' letters, the PC still considered the eligibility criteria listed on the CCC website had not been met and confirmed its objection.

The PC has been in discussion with Anglian water concerning flooding from the foul drainage system into gardens of houses around Ramper Road. Although the drains have received maintenance the PC continues to press for action to ensure it doesn't happen again.

The PC is working with the Swavesey Internal Drainage Board to coordinate comments on the Environment Agency Flood Risk Management Plan and their River Basin Management Plan which are out for consultation.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

District and Parish Council Elections will be held on 5th May 2022. The Notice of Election will be published on 28th March and nomination forms may be obtained and returned to South Cambs District Council Electoral Office between 29th March and 5th April. All eleven seats on the Parish Council will be up for election for the next four-year term of office. If you would like to find out more about what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, there if information on the Council website at www.swavesey.org.uk/about/ or -
contact the Clerk to the Council at clerk@swavesey.org.uk

The PC agreed to nominate Mrs J Kerr, for her work with the Swavesey Together Group, to be considered to represent us at The Cambridgeshire County Day on the 23rd June 2022

PLANNING

A number of planning applications have been considered which are detailed in Meeting Minutes available on the Council website.

COUNCIL NEWS

Planning Application from Mick George for the Waste Site off Middle Fen Drove

The PC raised a number of conditions it wished to be applied to the approval if granted and were represented at the meeting. These were circulated to all the committee members and to our County Councillor Mandy Smith. The application was approved with conditions. Mick George agreed to reduce traffic movements to 60 a day, from the 80 originally requested. Concrete crushing is limited to one instance of 4 weeks, subject to further applications. Additional operational conditions were also included which will be detailed in the decision notice when published.

The planning applications for Northstowe 3A and 3B have received outline planning permission. The Parish Council and Swavesey IDB objected on a number of issues and attended the planning meetings.

The Clerk has written to our MP to raise our ongoing concerns relating to drainage from Northstowe and other large developments and its impact on Swavesey. District Cllr, IDB Chairman and the Clerk met with our MP to reiterate the concerns with regard to flood risk in this area.

The PC is pressing for action to alleviate traffic problems at the Ramper Road/Boxworth End area, resulting from the impact of Northstowe. The PC understands there will be funding from developers for villages surrounding Northstowe for traffic calming and management measures. The PC does not know the detail of these yet.

The Bushmead Homes site, off Middle Watch is due to commence ground works and site entrance road in early April.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Cycle stands and safety bollards are to be installed close to the village sign in Market Street.

The PC received an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and approved an application for grant funding from 'Locality' to assist in employing professional help in developing the plan.

The PC considered ways to replant areas around the Moat Way Open Space area.

New benches and litter bins have been installed.

Primary School access from the Recreation Green. The Headteacher, Ms Anna Norden attended the February meeting to request that the entrance to the school from the green be maintained after the COVID need for separate access and a one-way system was no longer required. She explained that the increasing school roll and the pressure on the front entrance was increasing safety concerns. The Clerk to the PC explained the legal restraints governing the use of registered village greens. Councillors were concerned at the effect of many users and the resulting muddy access impacting on recreation users and school visitors. It was agreed to investigate ways to resolve the problems in conjunction with the pavilion and football clubs. Funding will be required.

FINANCE

The PC approved the budget for the coming year at its January meeting, and resolved to approve a precept for the 2022/2023 financial year of £85,480.00 resulting in an increase of £1.00/year to the Band D Rate, equating to an annual charge of £81.89 per year.

Grant Applications: The PC approved two grant applications:

1. £35,000.00 towards the Scout Hut refurbishment from section 106 monies set aside from housing developments
2. £90.00 to the Swavesey Sustainability Hub to cover the cost of the hire of the Memorial Hall for the first 'Sustainability Weekend' of events to be held on 25-26 June 2022.

3G Sports Facility: The PC received the loan applied for last year and passed this on as grant funding towards the new 3G artificial grass sports facility on the College playing fields. Work will commence in May and the facility will be available for use from September. This will be open for use by the community and local sports clubs as well as by the College..

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Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council.

All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

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Two dates for your diary:

Annual Parish Meeting – Weds 13th April 2022

7.30pm, Swavesey Memorial Hall

Your opportunity to hear reports from and ask questions of the Parish Council, its committees, village charities, other village organisations and your County and District Councillors, on items over the past year and for the forthcoming year.

Please do come along to the meeting to learn more about your village

Forthcoming Parish Council Elections – Thurs 5th May 2022

The Parish Council 4-yr term will end in May this year and all 11 seats will be open for election. First Notice of Election will be published during March. Nomination forms will be available via the Electoral Office at SCDC between 28th March and 5th April. Please look on the Parish Council website or village noticeboard for formal Notices. If anyone would like more information on what is involved with being a Parish Cllr, please do contact the Clerk or look at the information on the Council website: www.swavesey.org.uk
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Swavesey Parish Council

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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Snowdrop Open Garden
Although the weather was mixed, it was lovely to welcome so many of you to the beautiful snowdrops and aconites in the gardens of Priory House and St Andrew's graveyard on February 6th. A big thank you to all who donated money towards church funds; we raised £191.80 during the afternoon. As always, we are very grateful to Jeremy and Gillian for opening their garden so that we can all enjoy the spring flowers.

Easter Cross
The knitters of St Andrew's are taking up their needles once more, this time to create a bouquet of spring flowers to decorate our wooden cross in the church car park in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Look out for it on Easter Sunday!

Services in Easter Week
The 5Folds benefice will be offering a range of services over Easter Week, spread between the four parish churches of Swavesey, Longstanton, Over and Willingham. Please feel welcome to attend any of these services.

Sunday, 10th April Palm Sunday	11am	Holy Communion: St Andrew's, Swavesey
Thursday, 14th April Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	Holy Communion: St Mary's, Over
Friday, 15th April Good Friday	10:30am	All Age Service: All Saints, Longstanton
	10:30am	Morning Service: St Mary's, Willingham
	3:00pm	Poetry and meditations on the Stations of the Cross: St Andrew's, Swavesey
Sunday, 17th April Easter Sunday	11am	Holy Communion: St Andrew's Swavesey

There are also weekly services of reflection available at:-
www.5folds.org.uk/page/online-services-and-resources

If at any time, you feel that you would like to talk to one of our ministers, please ring either Rev Lucy Cleland (Team Vicar): 01954 277758 or
Rev Simon Gill (Team Rector): 01954 230434.

THE GREAT 50 DAYS

A lot can happen in 50 days. I am writing this piece some 50 days ahead of its publication so that all the wonderful work of editing, printing and distribution of this magazine can be completed on schedule by the Meridian team. Thank you to them.

If you are reading this article on 1 April 2022, I wonder what you have experienced since 10 February. The snowdrops in my garden will have gone, to be replaced by daffodils which may still be there at the start of April, weather permitting. The Covid-19 landscape may also have evolved, hopefully in a positive way.

Have you come across the concept of 'The Great 50 Days'? My web search friend Google suggests: 1. Super endurance runner Dean Karnazes who ran 50 marathons in 50 US states in 50 days'; 2. Ivan van Driessche who completed a 50 day sponsored walk around Crete in aid of Animal Welfare; 3. British internet users spend 50 days a year surfing the web. These examples are in addition to 'The Great 50 Days' from Easter to Pentecost.

This year 'The Great 50 Days' begin on 17 April 2022 with the worldwide shout of praise: 'Alleluia! Christ is Risen.' They take us all the way through to 5 June and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In the Bible, the end of the gospels and the start of Acts tell of many amazing events in this period. Numerous people met the resurrected Jesus and some witnessed him ascend to the heavens.

Who knows what will come our way in the next 50 days? I certainly won't be running 50 marathons but I will venture out for a few brief runs each week. There are some birthdays to celebrate in my extended family and perhaps a couple of special dates for you as well? I hope there will also be pleasant surprises along the way.

May we each enjoy a great 50 days until the next edition of The Meridian comes through the letterbox.

Rev'd Lucy Cleland, Team Vicar in the 5folds Group
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Answers to A diabolical book titles puzzle on page 17	
Fooling about, we then hit windowsill (3,4,2,3,7)	The Wind in the Willows
What Donne would never send to know? (3,4,3,4,5)	For Whom the Bell Tolls
Freshen up that saggy beret (3,5,6)	The Great Gatsby
There are apples, blueberries, cherries ... (7,3,3,3,4,5)	Oranges are not the only fruit
... but I have no bananas (7)	Ivanhoe
Assume estimate is about 9 (3,7)	Don Quixote
Fashion a "Candle in Wind" role for curious girl (5,2,10)	Alice in Wonderland
Central Command (11)	Middlemarch
Cullinan II, for instance? (3,5,2,3,5)	The Jewel in the Crown
Confound it! A bird enjoys dregs (7,6,5)	Bridget Jones' Diary

We meet at 10.45am every Sunday in person at Bethel.

Along with our Sunday Services we host Club Vintage on a Wednesday at 2-4pm and Compass Cafe on a Thursday at 10.45am. If you would like more information about either please do get in touch with Admin.

Easter is fast approaching and we can't wait to celebrate with you. We will be hosting a Maundy Thursday meal, Good Friday Reflection and of course Easter Sunday service. More activities are being planned and we look forward to sharing more details in the coming weeks on our Facebook page.

CONTACT US

In times of uncertainty we want you to know you can count on God, and by extension us as a church. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. See http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / swaveseyeagleowl@gmail.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon Swavesey Rangers / Thurs / seniorsectionoverdistrict@gmail.com Over Brownies / Wed Over Guides / Tue
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact Chairperson - Mr Darren Bucknall 07872 681167 Secretary - Mr Simon Dawson 07886 215205 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site **Cubs** Day: Tuesday: 18.00 to 19.15 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader Email: steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Scouts** Day: Monday. Time: 19.00 to 20.30 Contact: Jim Burling - Group Scout Leader Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries Email: info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday and Wednesday in the primary school main hall. Beginners and junior grades are 6pm-7pm and senior grades 7pm-8:15pm. The contact details are Mr and Mrs Morton 07919 050261 and enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk. The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Val Sage Tel 01954 230853
British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. 01954 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: www.swaveseybadminton.net
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
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Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift: PHONE: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
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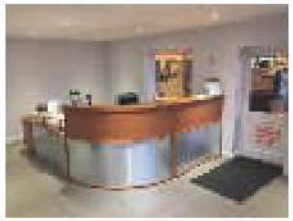

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

SHORT MESSAGE:

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Venues and dates are to still to be confirmed
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Photographic Exhibition

Saturday 2nd April 2022

From 10 am to 4 pm at Swavesey Memorial Hall

After our absence in the Memorial Hall last year, Swavesey Camera Club are back in April for their 2022 Photographic Exhibition. This event is one of our major opportunities to demonstrate our photographic skill to the public. Visit us and vote for your favourite image. In addition to the beautiful prints on display, there will be a continuous display of projected images and AV presentations. Some of the images will be available as greetings cards with all the proceeds from the card sales going to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Coffee, cake and other refreshments should also be available.

As in previous years we host an Open Photographic Competition within our Annual Exhibition. Our aim is to encourage photography amongst everyone in the local community. The Competition is open to any non-professional photographers and can be on any subject (but no selfies). Prizes will be awarded in three categories: junior school age, senior school age and adults.

Visit www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk for further details of the exhibition and competition. Between 2 and 16 April 2022 you will also be able to see an online version of the exhibition.

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